



GABON



GOVERNMENT

Chief of State

President Ali BONGO Ondimba

Head of Government

Prime Minister Julien NKOGHE BEKALE

Government Type

presidential republic

Capital

Libreville

Legislature

bicameral Parliament consists of the Senate (102 seats) and the National Assembly (143 seats)

Judiciary

Supreme Court (consists of 4 permanent specialized supreme courts – Supreme Court, Administrative Supreme Court, Accounting Supreme Court, Constitutional Court)

Ambassador to US

Ambassador Michael MOUSSA-ADAMO

US Ambassador

Charge d'Affaires Robert E. WHITEHEAD

GEOGRAPHY

Area

Total: 267,667 sq km

Land: 257,667 sq km

Water: 10,000 sq km

Climate

tropical; always hot, humid

Natural Resources

petroleum, natural gas, diamond, niobium, manganese, uranium, gold, timber, iron ore, hydropower

ECONOMY

Economic Overview

enjoys a per capita income four times that of most Sub-Saharan African nations but with high income inequality; despite an abundance of wealth, poor fiscal management and over-reliance on oil has stifled the economy

GDP (Purchasing Power Parity)

\$36.66 billion (2017 est.)

GDP per capita (Purchasing Power Parity)

\$18,100 (2017 est.)

Exports

\$5.564 billion (2017 est.)

partners: China 36.4%, US 10%, Ireland 8.5%, Netherlands 6.3%, South Korea 5.1%, Australia 5%, Italy 4.6% (2017)

Imports

\$2.829 billion (2017 est.)

partners: France 23.6%, Belgium 19.6% China 15.2% (2017)

PEOPLE & SOCIETY

Population

2.2 million (July 2020 est.)

Population Growth

2.5% (2020 est.)

Ethnicity

Gabonese-born 80.1%, (includes Fang 23.2%, Shira-Punu/Vili 18.9%, Nzabi-Duma 11.3%, Mdede-Teke 6.9%, Myene 5%, Kota-Kele 4.9%, Okande-Tsogo 2.1%, other 7.8%), foreign-born 18.3%, acquired Gabonese nationality 1.6% (2012)

Language

French (official), Fang, Myene, Nzebi, Bapounou/Eschira, Bandjabi

Religion

Roma Catholic 42.3%, Protestand 12.3%, other Christian 27.4%, Muslim 9.8%, animist 0.6%, other 0.5%, none/no answer 7.1% (2012 est.)

Urbanization

urban population: 90.1% of total population (2020)

rate of urbanization: 4.23% annual rate of change (2015-20 est.)

Literacy

84.7% (2018)

